Fact Sheet on Subcounty Population Estimates

Change from 2000-2006

Fastest-growing/declining cities with populations over 100,000

- McKinney, Texas (near Dallas), grew by 97.6 percent between April 1, 2000, and July 1, 2006 — a near doubling of its population — making it the fastest-growing city over the period.

- Joining McKinney among the top 10 fastest-growing cities were Gilbert, Ariz.; North Las Vegas, Nev.; Port St. Lucie, Fla.; Elk Grove, Calif.; Miramar, Fla.; Cape Coral, Fla.; Henderson, Nev.; Chandler, Ariz.; and Irvine, Calif. In sum, Florida had three cities on the list, and Arizona, Nevada and California had two each.

- California had nine cities among the top 25.

- Two cities outside of the South and West made the top 25: Joliet, Ill. (13th) and Olathe, Kan. (21st).

- New Orleans lost 53.9 percent of its population over the period and was joined by Detroit (-8.4 percent); Cleveland (-6.9 percent), Pittsburgh (-6.5 percent) and Flint, Mich. (-6.3 percent) on the list of cities with the fastest rate of population decline.

Top numeric gainers and decliners

- New York was the nation's biggest numeric gainer over the period, adding nearly 206,000 residents. It was the only city among the 10 biggest numeric gainers not in either the West or South.

- Three cities in Texas were among the 10 biggest numeric gainers — Houston (third), San Antonio (fifth) and Fort Worth (sixth). Also making the list were two in Arizona (Phoenix and Gilbert) and two in Nevada (North Las Vegas and Las Vegas). Houston, Los Angeles and Raleigh, N.C., rounded out the list.

- Arizona, Texas and California each had five cities among the top 25.

- New Orleans had the largest population decline over the period, losing more than 261,000 people. Other cities to lose more than 20,000 included Detroit, Philadelphia, Chicago, Cleveland, San Francisco, Milwaukee and Pittsburgh.

Historical Rankings: Top 10 Cities

1910		1960		2006	
1 New York	4,766,883	1 New York	7,781,984	1 New York	8,214,426
2 Chicago	2,185,283	2 Chicago	3,550,404	2 Los Angeles	3,849,378
3 Philadelphia	1,549,008	3 Los Angeles	2,479,015	3 Chicago	2,833,321
4 St. Louis	687,029	4 Philadelphia	2,002,512	4 Houston	2,144,491
5 Boston	670,585	5 Detroit	1,670,144	5 Phoenix	1,512,986
6 Cleveland	560,663	6 Baltimore	939,024	6 Philadelphia	1,448,394
7 Baltimore	558,485	7 Houston	938,219	7 San Antonio	1,296,682
8 Pittsburgh	533,905	8 Cleveland	876,050	8 San Diego	1,256,951
9 Detroit	465,766	9 Washington	763,956	9 Dallas	1,232,940
10 Buffalo, N.Y.	423,715	10 St. Louis	750,026	10 San Jose, Calif.	929,936